

**MINUTES
FOR THE 2010 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011
LA JOLLA WOMAN'S CLUB
715 SILVERADO STREET, LA JOLLA, 92037**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dalal at 6:05 p.m. 110 persons were observed to be in attendance. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dalal at 8:55 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal
(M) Arthur Nishioka
(M) Theresa Quiroz
(M) David Potter
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Quiroz called the roll:

(C) Chair Anisha Dalal – arrived at 6:30 p.m.
(M) David Potter – present
(M) Ani Mdivani-Morrow – present
(M) Arthur Nishioka – present
(M) Theresa Quiroz – present
(M) Frederick Kosmo – not present
(VC) Vice Chair Carlos Marquez – not present

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Redistricting Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Midori Wong, Redistricting Commission Chief of Staff, before the item is called. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Redistricting Commission on any issue brought forth under Non-Agenda Comment.

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Councilmember Sherri Lightner

Welcome to La Jolla, one of the many great communities in Council District 1. Thanks to everyone for being here this evening. I appreciate your participation in this process and your attendance at this very important meeting. One of the reasons that I love working for all of you in District 1, is that we have such a well informed and engaged citizenry. I currently have the privilege of representing the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. I do not want to lose any of my dynamic and strong communities. But I know that as the district with the largest population, there will inevitably be changes. Thanks also to the Commissioners for their time and service. Redistricting is a complex and painstaking task, one that comes with many hours, no paycheck, some grief and in the end, the reward of an important job well done. Redistricting is a crucial part of the democratic process. Its goal is to ensure that all of San Diego's neighborhoods have fair and effective representation, direct quote.

The goals for redistricting are laid out in our City Charter. One of these goals is to preserve identifiable communities of interest. And I know there has been much discussion about what this means. I want to emphasize that District 1 currently has strong, well-connected communities that are tied together by geography and infrastructure, as well as our neighborhood's recognized and long-standing common interests. I'm sure you will hear a great deal of testimony tonight about why these neighborhoods and communities constitute a community of interest. I know the Commissioners take their jobs seriously and understand the critical role they play in shaping San Diego's council districts in a manner that is equitable, effective and preserves communities. I encourage the Commissioner to listen carefully to what the citizens of my community want. They know adjustments are necessary to accommodate the requirement for the 9th Council District, and our own council district's population growth. But they also know our district is currently a cohesive unit and our citizens wish to preserve that unit. Thank you all again for your time, service and comments. Council District 1 staff members are on hand this evening if there are any questions. Thank you.

Comment 2: Woody Brickley

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Woody Brickley and this is my first time speaking at something like this. I'd like to say I genuinely appreciate the work that you are doing. I find watching you on television as I'm falling asleep, quite entertaining and I would recommend that everyone who gets an opportunity to watch channel 24 just before they fall asleep, it's really entertaining some times. I recognize the hard work that you guys are doing and I'd like to express my gratitude and thanks on behalf of the people of the City of San Diego.

Ms Wong: That is the last public agenda comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CHAIR

Commissioner Quiroz: Thank you. Items 2 and 3, we have here because this is a two-way thing. We want to make sure that the information you give us is the best help that it can be, so we like to give as much information to you as you are giving to us. So Item number 2 is an overview by our Executive

Director regarding redistricting and it's sort of the basic idea of what it is we are doing up here. So, I'd like to invite Ms. Wong to begin Item 2.

(Transcript Ends)

ITEM 2 – 2010 REDISTRICTING AND U.S. CENSUS DATA OVERVIEW BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Ms. Midori Wong, Chief of Staff, Redistricting Commission, provided an introduction to the 2010 redistricting process and an overview of the recently released Census data. There was one question from the public.

ITEM 3 – REDISTRICTING CRITERIA OVERVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Ms. Sharon Spivak, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of legal criteria associated with the redistricting process. There were no questions from the public.

ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY REDISTRICTING PLAN

(Transcript Begins)

Comment 1: Brian Pollard

Good afternoon. Commissioner Morrow, you are a trooper for showing up here with a broken leg. So thank you for that. My name is Brian Pollard and I am a resident of the 4th District City Council seat. Our wonderful community, which includes southeastern San Diego, has been working collaboratively and diligently with other communities and organizations to develop a map that better services and represents those communities that have been historically and consistently underrepresented in the political process of this city. In developing our 4th District map, which we have turned in, we have achieved our goals, primarily three goals. One is enhancing African-American empowerment for southeastern San Diego; two, to ensure other communities maintain their respective communities of interest, and three, to support the creation of a new additional Latino City Council seat. In developing this map, we have secured the support within our community and others, including the NAACP, the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils, the Skyline Neighborhood Council, the Valencia Park Town Council, Pastors on Point, the United African-American Ministerial Action Council, BAPAC, Emerald Hills Town Council, O'Farrell, Webster, and the Latino Redistricting Commission, as well as Broadway Heights.

Additionally, we generally support the Community of Unity map that is going to be submitted this evening, which represent fair and equitable representation for historically underutilized residents of our city, while ensuring and supporting an additional Latino City Council seat, one that honors the community of interest for all residents and provides fair and equitable representation for all citizens, including the citizens of color. This process of highlighting the importance of collaboration, civic engagement, and dialogue in making this city the best it can be regardless of where we live, it allows the residents of the city to have valuable input in a process that will affect us all for the next decade or so and gets one step closer to the mandate for fair, equitable, and effective representation for all citizens. As I mentioned, we do support the Community Unity map– there is one little caveat that I did notice,

and that is the community of Ridgeview. We are going to leave that decision to the representatives of Ridgeview to decide if they would prefer to remain in the 4th District, or to be a part of the new Latino district. That will be discussed and you folks will be making a decision on it. So, thank you all. Thank you to the Commission for your interest and your work and dedication and your outreach efforts.

Comment 2: Woody Brickley

Good evening, Commissioners. I am Woody Brickley and that's a tough act to follow. I understand the work that lies ahead of you as it relates to census districts, as I am a former accommodations building inspector for the City of San Diego; I currently work for another agency and I understand how districts are set up based on census tracts. And I've worked in every neighborhood in this great city, from the north city west area to the Santa Lous, down to Memorial, down to Nester, there isn't any place that I haven't been, and I know the task you have ahead of you is quite daunting.

Later on tonight you are going to hear a couple maps proposed regarding some things, and I've been watching this— the Canyons and Coastal map is a pretty good map, but I also noted a couple nights ago that there was gentleman who spoke who lived in PB and he said that the area in PB that is currently represented by CD2, they really don't get a lot of representation. And I know that a lot of the Commissioners at that time that fell on pay dirt and that was a really good comment. And there is some negotiation that could take place in current CD2 through to Point Loma and the Little Italy area, an area that has also seen some growth. You also had received maps and comments from individuals in CD7 and how the like to keep CD7 all together and that's pretty good.

And then CD6, you received notifications from, letters from town councils wanting to keep it pretty square – it's kind of like "Squarumont." They call it "Squarumont" for a reason. And if there are some areas that can be improved on and supported, I would definitely support some of the areas in— the area where my wife is from, which is the Barrio Logan area, the areas in CD4, there is some room for negotiations moving the boundaries from the 94 up to the 15, up into the Oak Park area. There's a real task ahead of you but I think you guys can take care of it. And the people that are going to be speaking behind me are very passionate about what they believe in and I really support them as a parishioner here at Mary Star by the Sea. Thank you.

Comment 3: Valerie Ramey

Thank you for letting me speak. My name is Valerie Ramey and I'm a professor of economics at UCSD. I've been on the faculty since 1997 and I've in south University City since 1998. And I wanted to speak on one aspect of the APAC proposal on the map, suggesting that part might not be a good idea, because it would split UCSD and also split other areas of interest. If you'd allow me, I'd like to give you a map while I talk about it. The current APAC plan, which overall is a nice plan, has one particular aspect that would split UCSD. In particular, it would split main campus from the medical campus as well as all the graduate housing. So, if you look on the right hand side of that map—Mesa Housing is housing that one can only live in if they are graduate students at UCSD. This map doesn't even take the entire idea, because as one goes a little farther east from this map, there are many, many apartment complexes. Many of them have UCSD undergraduates and graduates as residents, as well as a number of faculty members. For example, La Jolla Del Sol, which is east of this map, would be included in District 9 under the APAC map, but only UCSD faculty are allowed to live there. Given that UCSD faculty feel that they have common interests with UCSD undergraduates and graduate students we think it would be a bad idea to split this area, therefore, it doesn't make sense to have that.

As a resident of south University City, there are many common interests both with the UCSD area, but also with the area of north University City– that is this area just north of Rose Canyon that APAC wants to put into District 9. The high school and middle school in south UC draws students from both south UC and north UC. That is the area you want to split into a different district. I think that is a bad idea as well. I think there are many, many shared interests between, particularly in UCSD between faculty and students, but also north UC and south UC, so I suggest that particular aspect of the plan be rethought. Thank you.

Comment 4: Pamela Henrickson

Good evening, again, Commissioners. For those who do not know me, I'm Pamela Henderickson. I'm the recording secretary for the National Council of Negro Women, VP of the President's Lions Club and very active in the San Diego community. As you know, or as you don't know, I live in Leon Grove so you might think I have no skin in the game, so to speak, as to where the 9th District will be placed, but you would be wrong. I am very sensitive to the needs of the Asian community, the LGBT in District 3, as well as the Latino district in District 8. But of more concern to me is District 4, the heart, the spiritual home, of the African-American community. I know that everyone is going to have to give a little bit and the sole reason I made up these maps that I've given to you before– and I brought them and will submit them at the end of this, but I want to make sure District 4 retains the historical nature of what it always has always been, and to get this balance between the African-American and Latino community. So what I've created is 2 ½ districts where Latinos will be represented, as well as other mixed races. And District 4 will maintain its historical African-American presence. My maps are situated to where they are compact, they are contiguous, they will provide a balance to very close to that 144,625 that you are trying to reach. And I hope that you will really consider when you think about and talk about communities of interest, that you look at the communities and take the citizens input.

Comment 5: Robert Munn

Good evening, my name is Robert Munn. My wife Marsha and I have lived in the south part of University City since 1971 and we've been actively involved there in community activities as we've raised our two sons. We are strongly in support of what you will be hearing as the Coast and Canyons Plan, a proposal for the redistricting of Council 1. It keeps intact the relationship between the north and south parts of University City and the community plan that covers that area. It also keeps intact the relationship of this area with the University of California, which provides significant employment for our area and also relies on us for residential support for employees and students.

As members of the University City Planning Group for many years, we have become aware of major traffic infrastructure issues that impact both the university and our nearby communities. I'm talking about I-5, I-805, and Hwy 52, and the internal corridors. If south University were severed from Council District 1, that local knowledge about these issues, part of it would be shifted into another district that doesn't share the same major roadways. The overall population of that district would be less affected by our problems and the councilmember would have less interest in solutions for our area. The Coast and Canyons, which you'll be hearing more about, maintains the established and identifiable community planning areas as well as being compact and composed of contiguous territory. It fits the mold. Please support this proposal. It is the only proposal that has broad based support from each of the local elected planning groups within the included communities. Thank you.

Comment 6: Todd Phillips

I have a map; can I hand it out real quick? Good evening, my name is Todd Phillips. I am a resident of District 5. I am the chair of the Scripps Ranch Planning Group and I want to thank you for all your time, for giving to this effort. I'm here really to speak to one issue specifically, with respect to the Scripps Ranch community in District 5. Thus far, we have heard a lot of the dialogue but it hasn't affected us too much. I'm not here to say that we should be in one district or the other. I'm really concerned about— and I speak on behalf of not only the Scripps Ranch Planning Group, but also the Scripps Ranch Civic Association who have voted unanimously for me to come up here and speak to you.

Another community across the 15 has put forth a map that suggests cutting off from the Scripps Community anything south of Pomerado to be in a different district with the future lines. And it was kind of heartening to hear the legal specifications with respect to the key principles that are guiding your decisions, and I appreciate that. But I just wanted to point out in the map that I handed out to you, the smaller one— as you can see I have color-coded, and I apologize for the profuse number of colors that I used, but as you see the pink area that I shaded is the area in which is being suggested to be cut off from the rest of the areas. The green and orange are the actual portions that are planned to be kept within Scripps Ranch. The pink area with the blue shading is actually Rancho Encantada, which in 2000 was completely uninhabited and now has several hundred if not a couple of thousand homes already built there and it's completely cut off from the rest of District 7, geographically as well as by any access roads to District 7, except for taking Pomerado out to the I-15, and to either Tierrasanta Blvd or the 52. We would just hate to see this happen to our community. Obviously the contiguous nature of keeping Scripps Ranch as one community is very important to the community not only from a land use and land planning viewpoint but also from a facilities benefit standpoint as well.

So I commend you for the time you are giving and the difficult nature with which you are tasked. But I am here to let you know that at least 11,000 homes are completely opposed to cutting south Pomerado away from the rest of Scripps Ranch. Thank you.

Comment 7: Lisa Ross

Good evening and thank you all for your service. It's a tough job for sure. My name is Lisa Ross. I chair the Redistricting Subcommittee for the Del Mar Mesa Planning Board. Our board, an advisory board to the City Council, has redistricting on its action agenda for tomorrow evening and we will be voting on that tomorrow night. And so, we will be sending you our recommendations very promptly after that vote. Since we have not taken a specific action yet, I am here representing our board chair Gary Levitt and myself, but I cannot represent a position of the board this evening, but I do want to acquaint you with our community and our planning area and I'm delighted to see up there on that map that it looks a lot bigger than it feels.

We are a unique community. We are small though, with 200 households, if they're built out it will be 400. We are concerned that we could be swept into a district without a lot of thought or care because we're just a very small population. We do not want to be bifurcated. We have a very solid community plan and we want to be sure that our community is kept intact. I have a good vantage point having served both on the Carmel Planning Board during its early years— 8 years in fact— and now on the Del Mar Mesa. And as a former candidate for City Council, I have walked nearly every walkable precinct at least ten years ago, in the district. So, I can tell you that I know this district from the ground up. I wanted to give you a brief background, in 1985 a ballot measure passed that put 12,000 acres into the north city, including today's Del Mar Mesa, Torrey Highlands, Pacific Highlands, and Black Mountain Ranch, into

the urban reserve. It required a vote of the people to approve plans; when proposition M passed in 1998, these communities were created. Del Mar Mesa stayed agriculture. The residents did not want to go to the ballot. So it's a unique area, its rural in nature.

The residents, the property owners in our neighborhood gave up to at least 75% of their property when they developed their property to a unique 1,500 acre preserve which is an essential part of the city's Multiple Species Habitat Plan. it's the 1,500 acre Del Mar Mesa Preserve. We ask you to please keep our community intact. We've been very good stewards of that land for the City. We also host over ten miles of hiking, biking, and horse trails. But as a result of this history, Del Mar Mesa shares not only a common experience, but common facilities, infrastructure, open space connections and retail venues with the adjacent communities of Torrey Hills, Carmel Valley and Pacific Highlands Ranch. We share these not only experientially but we share these facilities financially, as well. It would be very difficult for us to be at a different district than those communities. We are small but we are an important community that protects our open space and we are a vital connection between Torrey Pines, the lagoons, and the canyons. Thank you.

Comment 8: Bill Bowers

Yes, good evening. My name is Bill Bowers and I live in La Jolla for 24 years. Before that I lived in Baja La Jolla, one of those communities that inspire to be La Jolla, I suppose. I live right over the hill, a beautiful breeze coming from the beach. I live down the street from UCSD and I live on the sunset side of the I-5, across from the Mormon temple. All these places generally make up the La Jolla area and we should be kept as we are now— maintain the status quo. First and foremost, the university's interests are dominant in our community. One of the main vital parts of La Jolla is the Golden Triangle, which says it all. We share many identities. We share La Jolla Village Drive, Regents Road, Nobel Drive— all terms synonymous with the university. Many of the housing developments also use the name La Jolla, such as the La Jolla Colony, Playa La Jolla, and on and on and on. It seems absurd to split University City apart from UCSD and La Jolla Village because of heavy concentration of university students and employees. This influence does not stop at I-5. The Coast and Canyons map appropriately keeps these communities in the same council district and I hope you would support. I believe that, at night when I look out my window and see the Mormon temple, I see Maroni there with his trumpet, I'm on the downwind side, but I think if I was on the upwind side, I think he's saying, "Remember the Coast and Canyon map, remember the Coast and Canyon map." Thank you for your time.

Comment 9: Daniel Arovas

Thank you. My name is Daniel Arovas. I've lived in San Diego since 1988, and I've lived in south University City since 200. Like my colleague Valerie Ramey, I'm at a professor in the Physics Department at UCSD. I want to thank the Commissioners— you did great filling in as chair by the way. I wanted to reiterate some of the points that Valerie Ramey and Robert Munn and the previous speaker had made regarding the conflict of interests in the Golden Triangle area. Golden Triangle, incidentally, sounds a lot nicer than Golden Irregular Polygon. So, we do have UCSD; there's bio-tech, high-tech and the medical, with all the hospitals. I agree that it's very compelling that we should keep University City together and together with La Jolla. In a sense, the UTC area is one of the hearts of the community and to place a district boundary right next to it doesn't make much sense at all. So in that regard, I also endorse the Coast and Canyons proposed map that retains the core and sheds some of the outlying areas in District 1. Thank you.

Comment 10: Linda Colley

Members of the Redistricting Commission, my name is Linda Nelson Colley and I've lived in University City, District 1, for 43 years. I'm an alumni of UCSD for disclosure purposes, I'm a member of the University Community Planning Group Executive Committee and have served as an officer for 9 years. I'm speaking to you all as a resident of University City. I'd like to convey to you all that University City, UCSD, and La Jolla represent an indivisible, identifiable community of interest and our geographically compact and contiguous territory needs to be preserved within any district map.

I understand APAC is proposing to reconfigure a part of University City north of La Jolla Village Drive, thus splitting up our community to create a new district. I do not support APAC's proposal. Splitting up University City would disenfranchise our community neighborhoods. We are a diverse demographic and there lies our strength. Keeping all of University City together is vital to maintaining the one person/one vote, equal representation. Our Community Plan articulates a vision for our community with reasonable access between population centers and we are bounded by natural boundaries. UCSD is a regional economic engine and many employed there reside in University City. Torrey Pines Mesa is located in La Jolla and has become home to bio-tech and development and research; this area is also within the University City Community plan and again, many of our residents are employed in these businesses.

While north University City has become a Mecca of medical and education research facilities, it has also become home to many of our residents. Housing in north University City is comprised of condos and apartments, and the residents work or attend UCSD. The residents of north University City have a connection with UCSD, not Mira Mesa as APAC suggests. To this day, many graduates of UCSD, like myself and my husband, have chosen to purchase our homes in University City and raise our children.

The UCSD campus is within our Community Planning area. As it has grown and developed so has University City. We are a unique community and we have a Facilities Financing Plan (FBA). Our FBA was created to enhance and build public facilities and transportation projects that benefit our entire community. Dividing University City would undue years of community building, fragmenting or FBA into two districts would be a nightmare. Traffic, density, growth and development, housing as well as student housing, preservation of open space and historic sites are all examples of University City's connectivity with UCSD and La Jolla. And I'm out of time, so you can read my last paragraph.

Comment 11: Erik Marquis

Hello, my name is Erik Marquis. I'm from Rancho Peñasquitos. I'm here tonight to respond to the proposal that APAC would like to put Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos in the new District 9. APAC has consistently stated that we share communities of interest, but other than some ethnic similarities, we really do not. And I would like to show that. The Deputy City Attorney did define communities of interest earlier and I'm going to use... if you could, just look at my slide here. We'll go through these quickly so you can see that we really do not share much communities of interest. The Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council proposes to put Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, and most of Scripps Ranch together. As you can see, we have similar income levels as opposed to Mira Mesa. Our housing patterns—our home ownership is similar to our northern and eastern neighbors. Again, Mira Mesa is not quite there. Mira Mesa has significantly more apartment. The median age of Rancho Peñasquitos and our neighbors to the north and east – pretty similar; Mira Mesa, significantly younger. Housing values, also, significant differences between our proposed District 5 and Mira Mesa. Lastly, the crime is also another significant indicator that we do not share communities of interest. Rancho Peñasquitos and our neighbors to the north and east have pretty similar numbers; Mira Mesa, not as similar. I would just like

to close by saying that I appreciate your time tonight and I hope that you will see that we do not share communities of interest with Mira Mesa. Thank you.

Comment 12: Mike Shoecraft

Good evening. I'm Mike Shoecraft from Rancho Peñasquitos. I'm here to support the North City Inland Redistricting proposal. This proposal is supported the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board, the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, and the Carmel Mountain Community Planning Board. IT unifies all the communities of northeastern San Diego. Most all these communities are in the Poway Unified School District. And they're also on the High Hazard Fire Zone, unifies communities in the Pomerado Health District, also in the Palomar college district. It creates nine districts almost equal in population, there's only 1% deviation. The boundaries of the district are Peñasquitos canyon on the south; Lake Hodges on the north; and the county on the east. As I said, Rancho Peñasquitos, Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Sabre Springs, Torrey Highlands and Black Mountain Ranch are all in the Poway Unified School District. I moved to Peñasquitos 17 years ago to be in the Poway Unified School District. It's something that all the families in those communities have in common. Poway Unified School District. Also all of us pay part of our tax goes to Pomerado Health District. We're the largest health district in the state, I believe. Also these communities are on Wildland Urban Interface Zone. And the boundaries are fully maintained, bordered by natural boundaries. I thank you.

Comment 13: Ralph Peters

Thank you, Ms. Wong. My name is Ralph Peters and I am also from Rancho Peñasquitos. Some of the things I will say will appear repetitious after the previous presentation by Mr. Marquis and Mr. Shoecraft. Again, Rancho Peñasquitos is a community of about 45,000 in the north inland part of the city. WE are contiguous to Rancho Bernardo, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Sabre Springs, Torrey Highlands, and Black Mountain Ranch. They are all part of the Poway Unified School District and that is truly the community of interest that binds these six communities together, that together represent approximately 125,000 in population. It is the academic, sports, music and social intertwinements– if there is such a word– that binds these six communities together. Anybody who is part of the PUSD knows that the band is very active, there are football rivalries, there are scouting troops that draw from each other, we all shop at Carmel Mountain Ranch. There's essentially one giant community up in that area.

As far as the APAC plan, it is well funded; that entity or organization is well organized, and they're quite vocal at these meetings. I was expecting to see the usual large crowd and they're not here. And I hope I don't get a five-yard penalty for piling on, but the people that speak in favor of the APAC plan trying to merge Rancho Peñasquitos in with Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and I guess part of UTC, they are not from Rancho Peñasquitos. I do not see them at the PTA umbrella council; I do not see them at the Rancho Peñasquitos Park and Recreation League; I do not see them at the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council; and I do not see them at the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board. Now this is a free country, and First Amendment rights, etcetera, etcetera, but people who speak here and advocate moving my community in with a community that we have very little in common with, I think this Commission should weigh heavily on the sides of the town councils and the planning boards, not people who come from areas that 20 miles to the south or 15 miles to the east. I think the <unintelligible> should be accorded to people who actually live in these communities. If the APAC actually lived in Rancho Peñasquitos, they would be out walking and canvassing their neighbors and finding out that 95% of their neighbors have no interest in being part of a community that is joined up with Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa,

and UTC. Not that any one of those communities are bad communities; it's just that we have a commonality of interest with our people to the north and east. I would conclude that in doing the task that is before this Commission, you are going to have to break eggs, and you have to break eggs to make an omelet. But I would suggest that we can end up with an omelet, not with a scrambled hash, if we go forward with the proposal put forth by the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council and endorsed by the people Mr. Shoecraft mentioned. Thank you.

Comment 14: Andy Berg

Andy Berg, President of the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council and now that you're in possession of not only a map but also a PowerPoint that talks to the lack of similarity with Mira Mesa, and more to the point, the similarities with the other north city inland communities that we'd like to be placed with. And at the risk of piling on, to put just one more point to it— if you would drive through the communities of Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and Linda Vista, you would see a rich culture of storefronts in multiple languages. It's a beautiful sight; it's very diverse; has a lot of the Asian dialects there as well. If you drive through Rancho Peñasquitos, you'll see nothing of the kind. And that's not saying we're worse, it's just it is what it is— we just don't have that in our communities.

This is the 8th time I've spoke before you, and I hope by now I've given you a feel for our community and a picture of why our residents have chosen to make it home, but tonight I just want to thank you for holding so many meetings. I know you could have held many less; I know you could've spent more time with your family, but I'm grateful that you went above and beyond the requirements you had, because I've learned so much about our city from these meetings. And most of all, I've learned— I know Rancho Peñasquitos pretty well; I know those other northern city inland communities around us, like Torrey Highlands, Carmel Mountain Ranch, but I don't know that much about the unique characteristics about the other communities, even coming to all these meetings I still feel that I don't know that much. And I say that because, I ask that when you look at our map, that you focus predominantly just on District 5, although I will say that our District 1 matches up very well with the Coast and Canyons map. But focus on District 5; it's in the north eastern corner of the area and with all due respect to the people of Scripps Ranch, I would love for that community to come back together, and if you are willing to make the population be a little higher than those even numbers—no objection.

Please put Scripps Ranch back together. That would be great. But we're in the far northeast corner of the city and if you accept the district that we've drawn up for District 5, it affects nothing else. You can draw the other eight districts without any problem whatsoever. Accepting it would keep, what I've talked about— our family-focused, child-friendly communities together. It would also ensure that our city rep would have to work with the Poway Unified School District. That's the city's second largest school district and the reason most of us moved there, and all those communities up there; we've moved up there for the Poway Unified School District and we'd like them to work together. And I'd like you consider one other thought when this meeting is done and you start drawing up those maps. I don't know what's best for many of these communities. A lot of the people up here speaking don't know what's best for Rancho Peñasquitos or the other north city communities either, even though they are speaking about that. Thank you.

Comment 15: Julie Adams

Hi, there. I'm Julie Adams. I'm a member of Rancho Peñasquitos Residences for the last 21 years. I would like to see PQ in District 5 in the North Inland proposal and not in District 9 as the Asian Pacific Alliance is requesting. I've read some of the comments by APAC about the unity of the area of interest

between the two communities of PQ and Mira Mesa and I can't disagree more. I can't disagree with most if not all of their statements. Mr. Chan and APAC have stated that PQ and Mira Mesa/Kearny Mesa are basically sister cities, sharing business, worship, shopping, schools, socio-economic status and infrastructure such as fire and water. Well, he's correct as far as sharing fire and water, but of course, all the residents in San Diego share the same fire and water. Now, the other commonalities that he spoke about are not commonalities for the residents of PQ.

PQ residents, including myself, moved to our community based on the fact that PQ is in the Poway Unified School District, which as most people know is in the top ten percent of schools. Mira Mesa on the other hand is in the San Diego Unified, thus no commonality. PQ is a bedroom community with very little commercial space, unlike Mira Mesa and Kearny Mesa who are business districts. The majority of PQ residents attend our local churches, including PQ Lutheran, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, St. Timothy's, the Taiwanese Lutheran, and Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, just to name a few, and don't venture to Mira Mesa, as Dr. Chan likes to say, for their spiritual needs. Socio-economic issues are also quite different from PQ and Mira Mesa, thus not being an area of interest or commonality. As a PQ resident, my son goes to the Poway Unified schools, plays sports against other local north county inland areas like RB and Carmel Mountain Ranch; and I shop in Carmel Mountain Ranch and RB.

I do not see any commonality with Mira Mesa and I'm a bit upset that APAC is stating that we are sister communities. We are not. PQ is united based on our schools, because of our strong desire for good schools for our children. Residents move to PQ for our school district and that's our main focus. We could've bought homes in Mira Mesa for quite a bit less and we didn't. Our community colleges are different, our state colleges are different. I would like to see all of the PUSD community outside of Poway united in one district because we are a very strong community of interest and we'd like one council person to represent our district to the Council. Unfortunately, APAC's desire to include PQ in District 5 seems more like a race grab, rather than a move that is beneficial to PQ. As a resident of PQ, I'd like to see the North Inland proposal go through and not APAC's. Thank you.

Comment 16: Dr. Bill Geckeler

Honorable Commissioners, my name is Dr. Bill Geckeler. I'm a resident of University City. I respectfully submit the following comments concerning redistricting as it applies to District 1. The major portion of Council District 1 should be maintained as approved in the year 2000 redistricting plan. The details are provided in other presentations this evening and summarized in the map Proposed Council District 1, 2010 Redistricting, Coast and Canyons. Rancho Peñasquitos a community currently within the north-easternmost portion of the Council District 1 likely realizes and recognizes that geographically proximate communities are more likely to represent communities of interest among themselves. Associating these is a logical way to achieve suitable size for District 1 while keeping the majority of District 1 communities intact. Communities of interest within current District 1 are proximate to the continuously growing UCSD. Faculty, students, and alumni live in these communities. Thus, through the years, ethnically, culturally and generationally diverse communities have developed. Related to the university's faculty, medical centers of excellence thrive as do research and development enterprises in all stages of maturation. Of central importance is that these communities of interest are represented by one community planning group as well as by one City Council member. The growth of UCSD, relatively dense commercial space, medical centers of excellence, banking and financial centers, and retail shopping have brought these communities common multiple and material challenges. The University Planning Group has, I believe, residents, UCSD representatives, and business enterprises a meaningful say in shaping our communities development. The Planning Group has been able to work

quite effectively to bring communities' desires forward to action, through one City Council person. Please maintain the major portion of District 1 intact. Thank you.

Comment 17: Anna Orzel-Arnita

So, I just handed you a quick presentation that we've created for our community of interest. There are some maps in there, a letter from our community, and then also letters of support. My name is Anna Orzel-Arnita. I serve as the president of the Redwood Village Community Council. I'm a community member on the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Committee, and I'm a past committee member on the Eastern Area Community Planning Committee. I've lived in my area of San Diego for about 25 years and I'm a graduate of San Diego and work in community outreach and development.

So my community of Redwood Village is one of the eastern area communities known as a college neighborhood. The college neighborhoods are located south of I-8 and as college neighborhoods we are a community of interest. I think we are a poster child of the City Attorney's slides 17 and 18. But we should remain together with San Diego State and in the same district, not be split between districts. We're suggesting geographical boundaries to include our community of interest, that it should be bound in the east by La Mesa, to the south by 94, to the west as far as the Crossroad PAC boundaries which is roughly around Euclid and then as far north as necessary to get the needed district population. You could either go north to Allied Gardens and Del Cerro, or to the west towards Kensington and Talmadge. Our neighborhoods are very easy to get along with and so I think any district would love this community of interest.

We believe our boundaries would allow our elected district councilmember to have the ability to focus on our core issues, supervise our area effectively, and resolve our issues more efficiently. We'd like to be in the same district together as communities. And we have seen other maps that have concerned us, but District 2, District 4 and District 7 are full of communities that need improvement. There is a lot of need in those communities. I would be concerned if too many of communities in our situation were put in one particular district and so splitting us up a little bit– like City Heights and North Park, then Southeast/ Skyline, then Eastern Area. With each of those represented in a district, we could really deal effectively with our issues.

So the districts made up of the communities that I've mentioned are all working towards improving, building and developing their communities. We are facing many of the same issues– need for redevelopment, revitalization, and improvement. We face similar economic issues– need for business improvement; affordable housing; we need to increase the area appeal with more park space, community enhancements and amenities. We are actively addressing public safety issues– graffiti, neighborhood code compliance issues, and mini-dorms. I think I would just say at the end that we are really thinking in the best interest of our area as a whole and just kind of using common sense. We are not aligned with any political organization or motivations or ethnic groups. We actually embrace and appreciate our communities' diversity, we think it is the source of our strength as someone said earlier. I would just say that San Diego is one of the most diverse cities in the nation and I think our diversity contributes to us being one of America's finest cities. Personally, and I'm not speaking on behalf of my council right now, it may be <unintelligible> on my part, but I'm kind of saddened to see groups wanting to divide themselves up by ethnicities and stuff. I think that it's the wrong way to map. Thank you.

Comment 18: Patrick Ahern

Hello, my name is Patrick Ahern. I happen to be a past president of the Gaslamp Quarter Association; Center City Development Corporation Pack Director; a La Jolla Town Council trustee for many years; and in the present the chairman of La Jolla Parks and Beaches Committee, representing myself for timing reasons. I want to say one thing: that turf wars are a pain in the— ask me later, I'll tell you all about them, they're been a problem for me— another thing that troubles me almost as bad as indifference in our community. I think the Coast and Canyons Plan addresses both of those, to alleviate both of those issues. First of all, the turf war, we are familiar with the children's pool and the seals down there. It's too competing interests competing over one area of turf and what Coast and Canyons does, what its proposing is to create strong, common communities and shared interests to help alleviate those. But one thing of interest to me is the indifference.

You drove today— let me give you an example of what works. You drove today on Torrey Pines Road. Several years ago, many people said this is our gateway, an important part of La Jolla. We should make it beautiful. And we gathered together a group of people with Robert Theo in conjunction with the City and we developed a plan. With that plan we were able to identify funding resources. It's now being implemented in several phases and soon you will see beautiful trees and bushes and walkways and views to the ocean. That worked. There is a section of La Jolla which is in CD1, there's a little piece of southeast La Jolla carved as part of Pacific Beach, or CD2. Right in the middle of that is Soledad Mountain Road. And from Garnet, that road, a very large quarter, goes all the way to Mount Soledad. It's a rather drab road. It's dirt and it's boring and it looks bad. What if someone wanted to participate like they did in Torrey Pines today? Well, they'd go there in PB and go, "it's kinda over in the corner, it's not really PB, good luck." La Jolla would go, "well it's PB." That would happen. But in the Coast and Canyons Plan where it's contiguous it could dramatically change. That's a corridor; it goes right up to our mountains. Let's plant beautiful trees, blooming trees; in the mid sections, let's plant some plants and make it safer. It would bring that part of La Jolla together and I think all of the Coast and Canyons plan would help alleviate turf issues. It would help indifference turn into action. I endorse the plan. I hope you will, too. Thanks for taking the time.

Comment 19: Dr. Murtaza Baxamus

Good evening, Commissioners. I am here to speak for all the nine districts in a presentation, Community in Unity. Welcome to La Jolla. I am a resident of Bird Rock. Briefly about me, I have a PhD in Planning from the University of California. I am a Certified Planner and I don't represent any association, but I am certified by the American Planning Association and I have been published in Academic Journal of Record and Planning on the topic of community empowerment. I've been frequently in the media on demographic issues in the region.

This presentation is about community empowerment. And what I'll try to do is brings together the elements that you have heard over last few presentations, over so many presentations over the city, to unite the community. The purpose of redistricting that you are steering is to make sure that the people of diverse interest feel empowered when they vote. In the end, it's all about empowerment.

The City of San Diego is a diverse city; you can see that, feel that. It has become more diverse day by day. Over twenty years, just think about it. Just by my calculations, we are the second most diverse city in the entire region. People don't think about it. The diversity comes in different colors. We're the second most diverse after Lemon Grove. The Latino population over the last twenty years has grown by over 150,000. That's enough to fill one whole council district. The Charter's requirements for you— you

have been given marching orders and the City Attorney has gone over it– are quite clear. The Charter requires you to address federal laws, such as the Voting Rights Act to be followed, in addition to explicit requirements to provide effective representation to San Diego’s diverse communities.

Moreover, the Charter refers to communities of interest. And what is that? Examples: Communities of interest can be defined by community lifestyle, such as the LGBT or immigrant; community planning areas or neighborhoods with shared interests, such as University City, City Heights, Mission Valley; it can also be defined by civic and economic landmarks that anchor the whole community, such as an airport, a stadium, or a university. It can be defined by regional, economic drivers. And this is often missed out. These are military and tourism for the entire city. It can be defined by environmental resources such as our beaches and our parks.

Now, we’ve gone over the entire— as we went through the testimonies, districts– community groups coming and testifying, showing unity, in a lot of areas, particularly south of the 8. South of the 8 has been in historic collaboration about the appropriate boundary lines. The groups involved included the Latino Redistricting Committee, the African American committee that you heard today, and the LGBT Redistricting Task Force. This historic effort has led to an agreement with regard to three southern districts– the Latino border and barrio district, the historic district for the African American district, and mid-city Latino and immigrant district. And there is commitment that there will be support for other communities of interest from these groups. So let me look at these three southern districts.

Border and Barrio Latino Empowerment District which is shaded in pink– the population proposed is around 140,000 with the Latino about $\frac{3}{4}$. Some of the features here are that it unifies the entire southern tier border area regions all the way down to the border, and unifies the Historic Barrio neighborhoods. So it includes Otay Mesa, Sherman Heights, and Barrio Logan.

This is– on the right side, shaded in light blue– what has been historically District 4, which we heard is the heartland of the African Americans. It has a population of 140,000. An important feature is that the African American share in the proposed district grows from 18% currently to almost 20%. This is important because the African American population in the city itself is shrinking. So it’s important to pay attention to that. The district includes neighborhoods such as Bay Terraces, Paradise Hills and Valencia Park.

Here is the Mid-City Latino and Immigrant Empowerment district, which is also presented to you, shaded in green. Its population is about 140,000, majority Latino and features a predominately immigrant and refugee population. Remember, the community of interest is immigrants. In addition to the majority Latino population, it also includes significant communities of Southeast Asian and African American populations in the City Heights area. City Heights is the immigrant community. It includes Golden Hill, Mountain View and City Heights.

Now this APACs proposed map, shaded in blue. It has an Asian population of 37.7 percent. You’ve heard that there is historical underrepresentation of Asians on the City Council. Now, the features of this map are that it unites Mira Mesa and Rancho Peñasquitos and cultural landmarks in the Convoy Asian district. However, you’ve heard complaints that it divides Rancho Peñasquitos by excluding Black Mountain Ranch and it also divides University City. And that is another community of interest that you should be attention to, in keeping it together. So, this is not much of a problem if you just look at the map on the left and on the right. I believe you can create a strong empowerment district, but at the same time address community concerns. So you can balance the needs.

The next map— here is the detailed proposed map in pink. It has a population of 143,000, with an Asian population of 36%. It retains key features of the APAC proposal which are uniting Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos and the Convoy district, but it eliminates some of the tensions. The definite geographic boundaries are: from the top, city limits and Carmel Valley; on the southern end, 805/163 cradle; from 805 and Carmel Valley to the west; from 15 freeway to the east.

Next, besides the ethnic minorities in the city have a history of respecting the LGBT community. This is the LGBT Redistricting Task Force map that has been proposed to you. There are some changes between the Task Force map and the current D3 map. In other words, the Task Force has presented a map that is a little bit different than what is currently District 3.

And what are the changes? The changes are they've gone to the west, in the green oval, the westward move to hillcrest. And let's be frank here, it's a political map. It terms of the LGBT population blocks and landmarks which are in Mission Hills, Banker's Hill, Little Italy and Downtown. The subtractions are the areas that voted yes on Prop 8, so those were on the east side, the City Heights side.

The proposal to move westward aligns with the current LGBT voting behavior. This map illustrates the voting behavior. So the darker the green, the stronger the opposition to Prop 8. This pattern is strongest in areas surrounding Balboa Park in current District 3—so remember, Balboa Park is the anchor of that district— as well as areas directly west of the current D3 boundaries, which are Banker's Hill, Mission Hills, and Little Italy.

Now here is a metric that is commonly used for statistical interests. You can draw these demographics from the county voting record as well. You can draw certain statistical analysis. This is not a perfect method, but one way of arriving at who is the community of interest. The big square in the middle is Balboa Park. And one method is a combination of these indicators.

So what I call the North Bay community of interest, really anchored by two key features in our economy that often don't come out and testify as a community of interest but they define the economic drivers in this region, which is tourism and military. Think about it, all those things we saw on the map was really focused around the airport, the terminal, the convention center, the museums, which are all the tourism industry and then the military. So that is the center of that district.

So the Balboa Park, the airport, the harbor – this is all the LGBT empowerment district. It's the same. It has the population of 150,000 as you can see shaded in yellow, combines Balboa Park, the airport, San Diego Bay, Uptown and Downtown. It will increase LGBT voting strength in District 3 and the boundaries and San Diego Bay and Balboa Park to the south; 805 and I-15 to the east; Mission Valley to the north; and eastern slope on the side of Point Loma, on the eastern side, facing the bay. Now, it's important to note that LGBT empowerment in redistricting has resulted in the election of LGBT candidates for the past five City elections. In the 2008 runoff in D3, it was held between two LGBT candidates. So, that is reflected in the demographic of that district.

So, let me go with the two metrics I mentioned. First, it's political— as it's been currently drawn, if you just take the political angle; the second is demographic. It'll match both of them— excel it. It includes Downtown, Mission Valley, Normal Heights, and North Park.

Another proposal, and a lot of people have spoken about it today, and it comes from members of the planning groups. And this is once again a community of interest that you should be listening, is the Coast and Canyons district. You have heard about the planning groups that have supported this.

This map shows, the left side shaded in pink, a population of 147,000. It will unite UCSD campus community of interest. It will keep La Jolla whole, because I always wonder, am I in district 2 or am I in district 1? That will resolve that. It keeps University City whole, because once again, it's a concern raised. The geographic boundaries are the Pacific Ocean to the west, Hwy 52 and Mt. Soledad to the south, city limits to the north, and 805 and Carmel Valley boundary to the east. This proposal will include Carmel Valley, La Jolla and University City.

The northern district, sprawling over in the east that we also heard about is on the right side shaded in gray. Population of a 151,000, unites communities east of I-15 that border eastern city limits; it wholly encompasses Mission Trails Park and East Elliot Open Space. Its boundaries would be City Limits to East and North; I-15 to the west; Mission Gorge & Lake Murray to South. This would include communities Rancho Bernardo, Scripps Ranch, and Tierrasanta.

The Beach and Bay District– this is coming to the middle of the city. So we tackled about the south, the north, now the middle spot. The left side, which is shaded light green, has a population of about 140,000. It unites Beach communities of Ocean Beach, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach to keep focus on those regional assets. It includes all of ocean-side of Point Loma. It keeps Mission Bay Park whole. I'll conclude with the final map, this is the map that unites all the communities, brings it all together. This is what it looks like. I have an electronic copy I'll send to you and I'll also give you hard copies so you can look at it in detail. Thank you very much for your time.

Comment 20: Tom Brady

Commissioner Morrow and the Commissioners are a perfect example of dedication to the community, being out this evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm representing the LA Jolla Village Merchants Association and was asked by the president of it, Phil Collier, who cannot be here tonight, to speak on behalf of the unanimous vote by the board of directors today in favor of the Coast and Canyons Plan. It does several things, not to belabor the points that have already been made– this plan respects the well established and identifiable community planning areas and keeps them whole which is very important as you've heard. It certainly respects the productive governance of the last 30 years. I've been a resident of SD since 1967 and have seen this community grow, and Coast and Canyons does what everybody wants it do to. And this vote by our board represents over 1200 business owners that pay fees to the Business Improvement District. And the Birdrock area that has been excluded in the past in D1, it's very important to have it included in D1 so that we are contiguous. This is a real opportunity for the community to come together and propose a map that does all the things that you've described and needs to be done by the city of SD.

Comment 21: Susan McKnight

I am impressed with your dedication. I'm not representing anyone particularly. I have listened tonight and I want to tell you that my grandfather came to this country from Germany. He worked hard, he became a citizen, he learned English. He lived in a small town called Defiance, Ohio. He never asked for an empowerment district to empower himself or his German citizens. And what I have heard tonight is African-American, Latino, Asian Pacific, the Lesbian group, Trans... I don't know the initials. But what concerns me to what happened to the sense of being a San Diegan and an American and not fighting for every single bit of empowerment. And I read in an article in the paper yesterday that I thought kind of applied. It says, "Public spiritedness has flipped since the 18th century. Now we think a public-spirited person as one who is passionate about public matters; one who signs petitions and becomes an activist." Well a lot of that is good, but as he wrote, it also means "curbing ones passions, moderating ones

opinions in order to achieve a large consensus that will ensure domestic tranquility. We are now impatient with any institution that stands in the way of the popular will, regarding it as undemocratic and illegitimate. Politicians feel the needs to serve their voters the way a business serves its customers, and the customer is always right. Leaders believe that governing means finding equilibrium between different economic interests and a balance between political factions.” That’s all I have to say. But thank you for what you’re doing.

Comment 22: Barrett Tetlow, Republican Party of San Diego County

Barrett Tetlow here representing the San Diego Republican Party. I figured if I criticized other people’s map and poked fun at theirs, it was only fair that I stand up and pretend something, so if nothing else they could have an opportunity to dislike the things we did with our map. So here is my shot at it and I’ll give my presentation.

I think the most important thing is the legal criteria. You have to have a legal map. I watched what the City Attorney put online– thank you for doing that– and I reread the powerpoint presentations, took that to heart. And I think that’s the most important thing. We’ve heard speaker, after speaker, after speaker week after week say illegal things. So the Voting Rights Act is very important, population deviation, compactness, natural boundaries, and communities of interest. The Voting Rights Act– the Deputy City Attorney provided these, I read these and tried to understand them to the extent that a non-lawyer can. I think it’s very important. I’d also say that there are a few sacred documents in our nation– the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. I don’t the Commission wants to end up in a federal court for violating the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That’s not the legacy you want to leave. I know the City Attorney doesn’t want to spend their time on that. We’ve heard speaker after speaker talk about race exclusively. It cannot be sole your criteria, it can’t even be your motive. If a thousand speakers said, imagine if we were in Mississippi and a thousand white speakers were to come up and say use race as the number one criteria, then you adopt the map based on the community input that race is the most important factor. You’d end up in federal court. You have to follow the law which the City Attorney has provided. In the 2000 Commission, they said none of the districts met the legal criteria for a race minority majority district. And since then, we’ve had more minorities elected into office. So I don’t know how you are going to prove the pattern of discrimination of minority candidates.

The most important thing is the population deviation. There was a time in our country when people were counted as $\frac{3}{4}$ of a voter. That was wrong. One person/one vote. That is the most important thing. We have done a map here with a 2.5% deviation. You can see it broken up by individual districts. And it still meets the other requirements of compactness, natural boundaries, Voting Rights Act. The natural boundaries here are: we used major freeways, canyons, the parks. When we couldn’t use freeways we used major roads, like El Cajon Boulevard, three lanes in each direction, Genesee Avenue, the same way. Compactness– appearances matter. If it looks gerrymandered, well then it probably is gerrymandered. The perfect district would look like a circle. If you were to score individual districts, I think they would get really good scores.

And we’ve got communities of interest. Everyone’s always talking about building a district based on communities of interest. And communities of interest are the art of redistricting, not the science. Anything can be a community of interest. Charger fans can be a community of interest. Frisbee owners are a community of interest. Dog park enthusiasts are a community of interest. But those aren’t real communities of interest. Education, neighborhoods, overlapping city districts, those are the real communities of interest, not build a district of all the charger fans. So what did I do to not divide

communities of interest? Well, I started with the old districts as people self-identify with their old districts. People don't talk about, "I live in CD53," but people do say, "I live in District 4. I used to live in District 7 for 17 years. I'm part of District 2." That's how all San Diegans self-identify because I've had the same district for years and years.

So, I started with the old districts and didn't want to change them too much. And I also started with the planning groups which also overlap with the census track. The Charter says you're supposed to use Census blocks, so we built districts around the largest census tracks in the planning groups. And I'll go through the districts quickly.

Here is UTC/ La Jolla. We lose the canyons the 805, Genesee Ave., the 274. It keeps La Jolla whole, it keeps the University area— a lot of speakers have talked about UTC and La Jolla being together. Population deviation is just 40, almost perfect. I could smooth out some of the lines but it's a very good district. But most importantly, its one person/one vote — which is the most important criteria, or the first amongst equals.

D2 is Point Loma. Deviation is almost perfect. Top area is a little rough, you could smooth it out. It would throw off population 2 or 3 points, still within the margin of error. It's the peninsula area/downtown united. There were actually a couple of speakers who talked about the united area — the military base that's there — I won't go into more on that.

District 3 is the City Heights area. Natural boundaries are El Cajon Blvd., the 94, we use the western edge is Balboa Bay Park. It unites City Heights which was divided 10 years ago. This would be a Latino district. You can use race as a second criteria. The Latino population has grown to about 28%. If you do the map that is the 2 ½ - 3 districts for normal representation. So, this would be a Latino district.

District 4, again deviation under 4%. Used natural boundaries: the 94, the 15. You're looking at a compact district. The African American population in D4 is 19%. This preserves it at 19%, but the growth is in the Latino community. 28% is the Latino community in San Diego County. There's been a number of articles written in the press about the changing nature of District 4. Voice of San Diego has an article about how the African American pastor's congregations are changing. We need to take into account — this is why redistricting is done. So this would be a second Latino District.

D5, there are competing maps. Rancho Bernardo area, the deviation again is nearly perfect. We're taking in Poway Unified communities and the rough edges along the rise, the canyons. You can add that tiny part right there and it would throw your population off just a little bit. But it would be PQ, RB, Sabre Springs, and along the 56 canyons. Speakers have talked about the importance of preserving the canyons.

District 6, less than 1% deviation, using natural lines, the 805, the 274, the 8. This is Mission Bay; it has everything in common with Mission Bay and Clairemont, Bay Ho, Bay Park, Mission Bay Park— that is the community of interest, they all sound the same.

District 7, Navajo— again 1.2% deviation. We've heard speakers at Tierrasanta meeting talking about how they wanted Tierrasanta mixed in with Serra Mesa and going south that way. Also heard people in Navajo talking about how Tierrasanta and Navajo are linked by the road that doesn't exist and nobody wants. Speakers were also talking about Navajo and College are linked by all the areas of concern about the college. Talked about a tunnel, the mini-dorms— people in Allied Gardens are very concerned about

what happens in College. So, again, it's pretty close to a circle in compactness, using 805, El Cajon Blvd., 163, the canyons to the north.

District 8, Otay Mesa– population deviation 1.3%. Overwhelmingly Latino. This is the way we have to make it to be contiguous. There is not much you can do with District 8 until the population in Otay Mesa can be its own district. Again, the northern portion using the 15 freeway, the 94. This would be the third Latino district; Latinos are a third of the population, each district is 11.11%– 2 ½ – 3 districts. It doesn't mean a Latino candidate is going to win, or an Asian candidate or an African American Candidate, or a White candidate. It just means that community, regardless of who wins, would have the political representation for the communities of interest that matter to them and their issues of concern.

The new 9th District we've heard a lot about APAC and the Asian map. Again, sole use of race is illegal. The APAC map, which is gerrymandered as everyone can see, is 38% Asian. This is 34%. It looks compact, it's a circle. We are using freeway lines, canyons to the north, the 805, also the northern portion of Tierrasanta, we had speakers talk about how its military housing up there. This is– Miramar would be the district. The last speaker talked about the importance of economic drivers. This is Miramar in the middle with the different communities. Base housing in the north, also in Scripps as well. Base housing near Tierrasanta. This would be effectively an Asian district, without using race as the sole criteria.

In conclusion, this is a legal map that does everything. The population deviation is 2.5%. There is nothing that looks gerrymandered. A lot of the other districts have had 1% population deviation or 0.5%, but something's wrong. There is a little gerrymandering, or the district isn't contiguous. Everything here looks normal, nothing looks out of place. We have used compactness, its contiguous, we've used natural boundaries, canyons, freeways, roads. The communities of interest have not been divided. And the political reality is– because you are surrounded by politics at all times, but you are supposed to be non-partisan– is there'd be three Latino districts; 1–1 ½ Asian districts; that's the political realities of it. Thank you for your time and I'm sure you'll be hearing more comments from people in the future.

Comment 23: Alice Tana

Good evening and thank you. We're certainly learning a lot here aren't we? My name is Alice Tana and I have a public relations and marketing business in the University community. I've been in on the planning group since 1988. I was chairman of the planning group for 5 years, that's the UCPG. The planning group when I started, there weren't many buildings in that area. So we really built a lot of buildings over the time. In fact, we're 95% built out right now. We did this with the University– we wanted to know their vision and where they were going. They shared with us their vision and ideas, and we wanted to work with them to achieve and support their overall efforts. That makes a better community in the long run. Their vision was to do something like Stanford University. Stanford decided at one point that they needed to do something different. They need to get out and kick the can and talk to people and “how could we work together with businesses?” UCSD thought that was a very good idea. The idea was that Stanford would invite business to come work with the research students and help to develop products and services and make it a package. What happened was, the students were learning, the university was learning, and not only that, the businesses had a great relationship going. They started building buildings around Stanford. Taking that concept the UCPG said “what can we do to help that?” Well, we needed student housing, faculty housing, we needed buildings. We did have some buildings but they became incubator kind of things, in small offices. In the building that I was in, there was a whole bunch of incubators going on, doing a bunch of things– biomed, high tech, whatever it was. And it was fascinating watch those groups graduate and move out and become big corporations. The

University community has worked for 23 years, very carefully bringing the business community along, bringing the people along and looking at a long-range plan to make it workable for the university, the community, and the citizens, and the students. We are a very close community. Thank you very much.

Comment 24: Joe LaCava

Thank you Commissioners, for the opportunity to speak, I know it's late. I also want to thank you for your service to the community and the city. Thank you for your outreach and for listening to hundreds if not thousands of speakers and not having your head explode. I'm here to speak on the Coast and Canyons map as I have since you're very first public hearing. I have a handout that has my talking points and some maps- the Coast and Canyons Plan, a blow up of the Plan, a graphic that shows the historical changes to District 1 over the years, and then a general map that might give you some context for the comments you've been hearing tonight.

There have already been a lot of speakers about the Coast and Canyons, and hopefully with the additional work that I will say and other speakers, will provide a compelling case to you that Coast and Canyons really ought to be the new District 1. As I've said, we've only focused on where we live and where we work and we'll let others speak on their areas of interest. The Coast and Canyons plan meets and exceeds the requirements of the city charter and speaks specifically to the communities of interest. We are the interstate 5 corridor, interstate 5 is our backbone, and if you continue that analogy we can call UCSD the brains of CD1. What we've done is really relied on the same community of interest that has been identified in the 1980, 1990, and 2000 redistricting efforts. What we've done to meet the population requirements is to shed our easterly friends in Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Highlands and Carmel Mountain Ranch, so they can join their neighbors in the I15 corridor.

Another thing you should know– we've been together for 30 years and play and work well with each other. We have very similar interests, we know how to work together to provide common solutions. As many communities have changed with population growth, so have we. We are much more diverse that we have been in the past, but most importantly, even though we have changed ethnically, we still have the same community of interest. That has not changed over the decades. We have the same demographics, the housing, the income levels. the same education levels, urban suburban feel, the lower crime rate and all the other aspects that the City Attorney said you should consider when forming communities of interest. More importantly, people come to this district because they want to integrate with the current communities of interest. You don't see the pocket communities as you see in other parts of San Diego. They like what they see in CD1. They want to be a part of it; they want to integrate. That is how we've always functioned. We've welcomed all languages; we've welcomed all those who've attended the university.

As you've heard me and other say, it's important to keep the community planning groups whole within each district. That is how we identify ourselves. Everyone speaks to what district they are in or what community they live in. It is very important; community planning areas are the basis for infrastructure and parks and libraries. It is the best to be under one council district, because that's how common problems are identified and common solutions implemented. If you want to find the areas that have the weakest solutions, go to the ones that have been split amongst council districts. Some of the other aspects that have been mentioned are environmental. The plan respects the major open space corridors and preserves that are so characteristic of San Diego, but our district, because we are so close to the ocean, because we are coastal-oriented, we are more concerned about water quality, as opposed to our inland neighbors who are more concerned about wildfire. Because we are at the bottom of the watersheds, because we have the lagoons, because we have the ocean outfalls, water quality is our key

concern in maintaining and preserving our open space corridors and preserves. In addition, if you look at the last page, you'll see a number of parks and regional resources. They all have a coastal orientation.

Again, that is what differentiates this district from all the others, that's why coast is in our name. As you've heard, school districts are important. The northeastern boundary of our proposal is almost identical to the boundary between San Diego Unified and Poway Unified School Districts. So we wanted to respect that. In addition, as you've heard others say, our residential areas are closely connected with major employment centers, with UCSD, the biotech, the high tech. Again, that speaks to— you're not normally concerned with that but you are in Council District 1, because, again, that speaks to the community of interest. People are close to where they work, they have the same education and income levels. And it builds another layer of community interest. Because we started late, I'm going to guarantee you that you will see unanimous support from all the town councils, the planning groups, the business districts, that are affected by this area. We'll have that documentation in to you. And we urge you to adopt the Coast and Canyons plan we propose, not other variations you've heard tonight. And I urge you strongly to keep community planning areas whole within the districts. Thank you for your time.

Comment 25: Patricia Wilson

Thank you Commissioners for giving us the chance to talk to you this evening. I have two missions this evening. My name is Pat Wilson and I live in University City. I will be leaving with you 60 emails from neighbors who maintain the same position as the UCPG, which is to continue to have UCSD as part of our community plan and our council district, as well as the incorporation of University City into the Coast and Canyons Plan map, for a single city council district. And indeed that was position taken last night, unanimously by the UCPG and I'm please to share that with you tonight. The motions—I won't read the motions in the terms of the legality, but I do want to give you sense of what our message is regarding those motions. Please do not split our University City Community Planning area. Do not isolate us from UCSD – it is the heart of our educational community and the engine that drives the economic growth of our area, and the magnet for residential growth since the original University community plan written in 1961. Do not diminish the ability of a single city councilmember to serve our historically intact communities within University City and the Coast and Canyon plan. Do provide our city councilmember with the ability to consistently and effectively govern our ever growing and diverse areas.

Our motions I believe, support the connections and collaborations with UCSD within University City and in turn incorporate University City into the Coast and Canyon plan for this one single council district, that integrates our diverse communities and includes major educational, employment, and residential areas around UCSD, which has fostered and continues to attract an unparalleled scientific community. UCSD, for example, contributes more than 5.7 billion dollars in direct and indirect spending and personal each year to the local economy. Faculty and alumni have created some 430 startup companies and the university is the third largest employer in San Diego County. The fact that our businesses flourish is only part of the success story of this area as these very same geographical areas provide the residential areas for students, faculty, and staff, the researches and business professionals. It includes the public and private schools, retail, hospitals, recreation, cultural, and religious centers, as well as a very collaborative scientific and social network. Any plan to divide this intensely developed and developing areas between two or more council districts would make important land use functions difficult to plan and reduce the effectiveness of our political and community services.

Now briefly I want to talk about a zero population area in the city. Believe it or not, we have an 80-acre unpopulated parcel of land that is defined in the University community plan, but is not currently in

District 1, that is located in D7. Due to its significant community of interest and the potential use of that land adjacent to the University City's population, the UCPG voted 14-1 to incorporate this land into the University City, which will have zero effect on any population diversity I'm pleased to say. But it might have a major effect on what goes into that land in the near future. Thank you very much.

Comment 25: Joe Parker, Bird Rock Community Council

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Joe Parker. I live at 522 Midway Street in La Jolla. I'm here on behalf of the Bird Rock Community Council. I currently serve as the president of that organization. On behalf of the BRCC, I'd like to affirm the BRCC's unanimous vote to endorse the Coast and Canyons plan. I provided that endorsement earlier to the executive director. I'd like to very briefly— and I don't want to beleaguer the good points that have been advanced by Mr. LaCava and others who've voiced their support for Coast and Canyons— but I'd like to point out that the BRCC's studied review of this plan confirms our beliefs that the policies and reasons supporting the redistricting proposal advance the common goal of maintaining a contiguous communities that share common goals along geography, infrastructure, and issues that affect those communities at large. Also, the Coast and Canyons plan also serves the added benefit of uniting La Jolla under a single district. As it is, a small part of La Jolla falls into District 2, and in my opinion and the opinion of BRCC, District 2 has completely different issues than we do in La Jolla, along with other communities included in the Coast and Canyons map. Under that proposal we'd have a unified district under on council member. Just would like to say thank you very much for your generous commitment to the public service. We appreciate the time and effort and certainly the opportunity to come here this evening to express our endorsement of that plan. I hope that you consider the Coast and Canyons plan and recommend it's approval. Thank you.

Comment 26: John Beaver

My name is John Beaver, and I'd also like to thank you for your time this evening and give us a chance to talk. I am a supporter of the Coast and Canyons plan. The reuniting of the district, particularly around Mount Soledad Road, is very important. It has been a sore spot for years. For the past and current council members, I've walked the district the last two elections, in Peñasquitos, and UC and parts of La Jolla. And it's an active community. There is one part of the statics that I think it's missing, and maybe it's a legal question— and that is the registered voters and the voter turnout during elections. If you look back at the 2010 election, D1 had a significantly turnout than other districts. It ranged from D1 with nearly 60,000 voters for our councilmember, to District 8, which was around 8- or 9,000. That's a factor that shows commonality within the district. And I think the district will become much more efficient for the councilmember by cutting off 50,000 residents. I know walking that district, it is immense the way it is now. So I ask for your consideration. The last point that I'll make, and don't take this the wrong way, over the years I've become somewhat cynical of government processes, and I know that you are performing a certain part of the act, but when it comes to the rubber meeting the road, there will be a lot of forces and factors attempting to influence your decisions and I hope that you keep what we, the citizens, have to say in mind. Thank you.

Comment 27: Deborah Knight

Thank you very much for listening to me again. I feel very passionate about this. I moved to San Diego in 1978 and I thought I had arrived in hell. I came in September, everything was flat and brown and treeless, and I come from New England, and I thought, oh my god. How can I ever be at home here? But in short order, I took a walk in a canyon and I discovered— I began to just get a peek. Then I began to discover my community of University City and La Jolla and that whole area. And I feel like I've come

to know it in a way that I've never known any other place other than my childhood home. It's an amazing place. And to have a big city that has this kind of sense of community– we have our disputes. But even at the Planning Group, residents have to come together with developers. And we've had major disputes there and we at least have a forum to deal with them. The University City plan is one document. You can't carve it up and say ok a new council member will take a little piece and have responsibility for it. What if the two council members don't agree? You can't divide La Jolla Village Drive and have big development and have a different council member on the other side.

And the same thing for our FBA. Since we have an FBA funding our infrastructure, you can't just carve that document up. UCSD is an integral part of those. They have a seat on our planning group. And you now have the UCSD map, and if you look at the side that is proposed to be cut out and put in Mira Mesa, the Science Research park, that is 30 acres that is currently under development to have public/private development. UCSD will partner with private companies to have biotech development. If you go to their website and Google this, you will see Marianne Fox, this is a quote about this is one of the premier biotech centers in the entire country. It needs one council member. To try to have UCSD and our community plan split between two different decision makers would be disastrous. So I urge you keep University City as a whole. I recommend adding that little piece just to the east of the 805, which is part of our community planning area but for some reason doesn't have any residents; it doesn't matter if you add it into District 1. And please support the Coast and Canyons plan. Thank you.

Comment 28: Janay Kruger

Hello, my name is Janay Kruger and I'm the chairman of the University City Planning Group and last night we unanimously approved the Coast and Canyons project. We share UCSD with La Jolla. So La Jolla and UC have almost become one, sharing with each other. We truly believe our community of interest is formed around science, medicine, technology and education. That's one of our big points. We have 504 biomed students within 20 minutes of the campus. We have large technology companies like Qualcomm, SAIC and the Irvine Company. We have five hospitals with three more on the drawing board. We have Salk, the Moore's Cancer Center, the Sanford Burnham Institute, Scripps and UCSD and the VA Hospital. And the thing that makes them great is that they all like to collaborate together. They live in neighborhoods in District 1. The second reason of community of interest, is creating new jobs, innovation, and new businesses. We can't validate this, but I keep hearing around the city, that 2/3 of the new jobs are coming in our area. Good jobs, good paying jobs, jobs that the students can get, that the community can get. And we are going to have a link with the trolley. The trolley is coming from Old Town up to our community to link SDSU with UCSD. And this will really help the kids get jobs and nice jobs. The other thing, we are happy working and living in our area together, with lots of choices for recreation, open space, beaches and cultural facilities. We have the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, which has numerous cultural events. It's kind of the heart of the Golden Triangle. We have La Jolla Playhouse, Rose Canyon, the Torrey Pines Golf Course, and the Torrey Pines Glider Park. All of that makes us very diverse but we need to stay together. So we are very strongly asking you to keep us together and to endorse the Coast and Canyons plan. We're really in favor of being with all the communities and all the neighborhoods. Thank you.

Comment 29: Rick Newman

I am Rick Newman, representing the Carmel Valley Planning Board. Thank you for hearing me out once again. Joe said that by next Friday he would deliver all the community planning boards support to his plan and I'm here to add ours early. We are fully in favor of Coast and Canyons. Ultimately I'm here to support parts of two different plans and oppose another. I support the Coast and Canyons. The proposed

boundaries of the Coast and Canyons District1 include Carmel Valley, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, University City, and La Jolla Village. Reiterating a little bit, but we whole heartily agree that our communities of interest include the coast, school districts, climate, wetlands, views, education levels, and income. We also pretty much support the boundaries of the North County Inland proposal as it relates to District 1– this is the Rancho Peñasquitos proposal– with one exception. We believe that the boundary should include the La Jolla planning group. It needs to extend out a little bit. We also support the North County plan bringing together of Rancho Peñasquitos, Black Mountain Ranch, and Torrey Highlands communities. The plan we do not support is APAC. Among other things, at least an initial plan in order to create the district APAC desired, through Carmel Valley and Pacific Highland Ranch, and with District 5. And to the extent that District 5 would include the furthest east community, I just can't imagine why we would be in the same group, being coastal. Thank you for your time and devotion.

Comment 30: John Gordon

Good evening, all. John Gordon, City of San Diego. I live and work in Mission Valley, and there are a few things I want to convey to you about Mission Valley tonight. Historically and currently, Mission Valley hasn't been thought of very seriously, yet the fact that we are a growing community population-wise. Some people don't realize, but there really are people who live in Mission Valley. I'm one. You know, Mission Valley isn't just shopping centers, and car dealers, and office buildings, and the like.

There are a few other points about Mission Valley that I'd like to relate, some unique factors, if you will– or at least, given the hour, you'll give me semi-unique. One is the fact that Mission Valley has a lot of condos and apartments. I think we all know that from just living and driving in San Diego. But it really doesn't have the public services that other neighborhoods in the city have. We live in San Diego and it rains from time to time. It didn't flood in Mission Valley last night, but it floods very often when it rains. And we don't even have a fire station in Mission Valley. It comes all the way from Hillcrest. There is a temporary station but that floods most of the time too, and of course with cutbacks it's really not staffed very well. Another unique factor is that we don't have any open space or parks for children to play in. We do have a lot of traffic. That doesn't make us unique, necessarily, but I think you'll grant it that there has been a lot of infill and development last many years, since the 1960s. And there hasn't been anything much that's been done about it, since you know, Interstate 8 was built. So in conclusion, we really do need a City Council district that meets the unmet needs of this district and this area. And it really should be a priority for a council member that goes along with it. Thank you very much.

Comment 32: Ralph Denney

Yes, my name is Ralph Denney. I don't envy your job. It appears that you have about 354 groups of interest all demanding their own city council district and I'm one of them. I live in City Council District 3. I live right off the intersection of Florida and University. As an active member of LGBT community, I can attest to dynamic sense of community that area has. The lifestyle, the activities that are enjoyed by all, not just the LGBT community. North Park and Hillcrest are essentially synonymous. University Heights, Normal Heights, are all included. We also have a unique perspective, from Normal Heights to North Park, to South Park, to Bankers Hill, to University Heights, has a commitment to keeping and restoring San Diego's long history in our residences and homes, which have the oldest average life and continued occupancy of any area in the City.

The natural boundaries are really quite simple: Interstate 8, I-5, 94. We have people from Golden Hill and Normal Heights enjoying Florida Canyon, the natural wilderness area there. We have as the center

the crown jewel of San Diego, Balboa Park. We have the oldest stretch of freeway, and I believe the most beautiful stretch of freeway in the nation in the 163 corridor, from the 8 to Downtown. This needs to be preserved and protected. We also have arguably– well, one last thing on the LGBT community, we have in this area the highest density to be found almost anywhere in the world. We also celebrate the most diverse and most eclectic City Council District in the nation. We celebrate it. There is no other area in San Diego that is as diverse and as eclectic. We welcome all people to this district, but we are a unity and we are a common area. And again I urge you to preserve that, protect it, and defend it as I will. And if that one lady before is still here, I want to admit that I am a San Diegan first.

Comment 33: Nan Madden

Hi, my name is Nan Madden. I'm a resident of University City. Thank you for listening to us this evening. I have been a resident of University City since 1974, before there was skyscrapers and everything– nothing beyond Rose Canyon to La Jolla Village Drive. It is called University City for a reason. It was designed to be the home of UCSD as it was being developed. I am a member of the UC Planning Group. I come in when all the development has developed ahead of me, but I really appreciate all the work that Alice Tana and the other Commissioners have done. I am a director of a private school in University City and most of my families either work or are students at UCSD. Their children– we supply the place for them to spend the day while their parents are busy at the University. Every kind of service that they need is provided for in University City. And when working in this planning group, we find that it is imperative that we have one council district member. Because that person hears us and listens to us and takes care of us and we appreciate that.

Comment 34: Charles Herzfeld

Hi, Commissioners. My name is Charles Herzfeld. Thank you for hearing us tonight and many other nights, I'm sure. I'm a resident of University City. I can to San Diego in 1973 to go to Revelle College. Back then there were 6,000 students at UCSD, the entire campus. I've seen it grow; I've seen the region grow enormously. Over the years, I've lived in different parts of San Diego and really came to value the University City area and La Jolla as my true home. And eight years ago, my partner and I were fortunate enough to purchase our home in south University City area. One year later, I was elected to the UC Planning Group, been on the board for 7 years.

It's really important to us that the planning area be preserved as a community of interest. It not only enables the residents and the businesses to come together to work out the enormous challenges we face as the probably the largest center of investment and learning and brain trust, as it were, of this region, but it also unifies us in a way that is harder to explain. We spend all of our free time there, many of us work in the district, in the planning group, or in La Jolla. We lead bird walks there; we volunteer for things; we like surfing. Our community is filled with faculty, and staff, and students, and alumni of UCSD. People work in other parts of– biotech, high tech and medical industries. And I support keeping together our community, UC. And I also support the Coast and Canyons, because of our very strong relationship with La Jolla and the fact that UC Planning Group contains part of La Jolla, you know, UCSD, the stretch along Gilman Drive, for example, which is west of 5, and also the whole Torrey Pines Mesa. So please keep us together. Thank you.

Comment 35: Ariane Jansma

Ariane Jansma asked me if I could read this, she had to go home because her babysitter called and then I'll give it to you.

My name is Dr. Ariane Jansma and I represent the scientific community of interest which strongly supports the Coast and Canyons Map. North and South University City were built and named for UCSD. Today the scientific community includes not only UCSD but the Salk Institute, the Scripps Research Institute, and the Sanford-Burnham Institute, as well as a myriad of biotech companies. San Diego is very unique in its scientific presence. Only a few cities in the country have such an amazing ability to science and research to this extent. The reason for this is our network within this community. Many of us who work in science in La Jolla, live in University City and as such have many common interests. Splitting UC or La Jolla would have a very negative impact on our scientific community. Please support the Coast and Canyons Plan and maintain our scientific community of interest. Thank you.

Comment 36: Adam Manhbaoboua

Good evening, Commissioners. My name is Adam Manhbaoboua and I'm here representing APAC and the Laotian community. Thank you again for your hard work and dedication. As you know, redistricting is about accounting for population changes, one person/vote, and ensuring equal access to political representation. Redistricting is about providing fair and effective representation for all citizens of the city, including racial, ethnic, and language minorities. It's about maximizing the voters' voice. It's about having the right to elect a representative that truly understands the need and interest of its citizens. This is not about race, it's about having a voice; it's about having equal representation. This is why there must be an Asian Pacific Islander-influenced district.

We now represent 16% of the population of the city, that's over 200,000 citizens. That's 1/7 of the population. Since redistricting is about representation, it is only fair and right that we have at the very least one of the nine seats at the table. Our communities of interest are clear and identifiable. I know that Rancho Peñasquitos said that we have nothing in common with Mira Mesa, but 31% of the residents in Rancho Peñasquitos are Asian Pacific Americans. You have witnessed our tireless effort, our hopes and visions and our need to finally be fairly represented. I hope that our efforts in this redistricting process have convinced you that our increased contribution in the political process is needed for our city to have a more effective City government. I hope that you are convinced that having an API-influenced district is in the best interest of our city, now and in the future. Thank you.

Comment 37: Dr. Allen Chan

Thank you, Commissioners, for your hard work. Asian Americans are just like everyone else in the city. We just want the best education for our kids, safety for our family, better opportunities for working class, and better business environment for our businesses in our community. And most of all, we also demand the same basic rights of representation protected by the U.S. Constitution. The same rights that some citizens in San Diego might have already taken for granted, while others are trying to preserve and expand it by building stronger voting blocks. It's perfectly ok for to do that for other ethnic or interest groups, however, when it comes to Asian Pacific Americans trying to consolidate our population into one district, then it becomes racial.

Asian Americans have a long history in San Diego. Over 100 years ago the Chinese built the first fishing village in downtown San Diego, and part of it is still there on 3rd Avenue, south of Market Street. Chinese Americans just like Japanese Americans have also experienced discrimination— you probably know about that, it's the Chinese Exclusion Act. Chinese were not allowed to go out of their district, north of Market Street after the evening. And that was true in the 40s when that was repealed. Mira Mesa, University City and Rancho Peñasquitos are the three largest Asian Pacific American communities in the city, yet these three communities have always been fractured into different districts,

weakening the voices and the voting power of the Asian Pacific Americans. These areas and South Kearny Mesa are truly communities of interest for the Asian and Pacific Americans in San Diego.

If you don't believe it, just ask the three community board members on the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council who are Asians, and also ask the over 200,000 Asian Pacific Americans in San Diego. I was drafted in December 2009 by the Census Bureau to be a <unintelligible> specialist, helping the hard-to-count communities in San Diego. One day, when I was in front of my restaurant conducting Census outreach, there was an Asian boy, about nine years old, very curious about what I was doing. After I explained to him what the census was all about, I asked him what he would like to be when he grows up. He said he wants to be the President of the United States just like President Obama. And he also asked me if that was possible. I was very touched by his ambition. I told him that of course, he can become anything he wants to be as long as he is willing to pay the price. However, its true this time– I was involved in redistricting ten years ago– that I was only half-right for the little boy. Could Obama have become the President at this stage of American history if not for Martin Luther King and many, many other civil rights leaders who made their sacrifice– and also the ultimate sacrifice for Dr. King– and created the foundation for the perfect climate for Obama to be elected by the people of America as our president? Or could Albert R. Gonzales have become the first Latino Attorney General of the United States, or Juan Vargas the Senator of California, or even David Alvarez the City Councilman of District 8, if not for Cesar Chavez and many other civil rights leaders fighting for equal rights and equal representation and creating the proper opportunities for them to succeed in the political arena?

I also have a dream. It is my dream that in the near future that San Diego has an Asian Pacific American-influenced district, District 9, where Asian Pacific Americans can be fairly represented, where the strongest Asian voting blocks are no longer split into different districts for another ten years. Giving that little Asian boy the proper environment in which he can be nurtured, excelled and become the President of the United States one day, like President Obama. It is about time. Thank you.

Comment 38: Michael Costello

Good evening. I'm Michael Costello. I'm a trustee of the La Jolla Community Planning Association. Tony Crisafi, president of the La Jolla Community Planning Association, asked me to read this note: The La Jolla Community Planning Association will hear this issue of redistricting on May 19th. Until then, we simply thank you for your service and outreach to the community. Tony Crisafi is a business man and a property owner in La Jolla and he supports the Coast and Canyons plan in District 1. Please keep La Jolla and La Jolla community planning groups intact. Strong planning groups combined with strong support from our council district is a good partnership that functions well for the city and all communities. This ties in with Joe LaCava's eloquent talk about planning groups and the Coast and Canyon plan as well as ties in with Joseph Parker's talk, the president of the Bird Rock Community Council.

As for myself, a trustee in the La Jolla Community Planning Association, I also support the Coast and Canyon's plan, as well as trustee Nancy Manos and her husband Joseph. They had to leave because of medical problems. Thank you very much.

Comment 39: Brook Feerick

Hi, good evening. Thank you for hearing my comment. My name is Brook Feerick. I am here as president of the Educate Foundation. We're the educational foundation that represents the five schools in the University City cluster. That includes Doyle Elementary in north UC, Spreckels Elementary in

south UC and Kerry Elementary in south UC, UC High, and Stanley Middle School. I'm just here to say that it doesn't make any sense to rip this community apart. As Educate works in the community, what we do is we have established a foundation among the five schools; we've built relationships in both north and south UC. Those relationships are important both financially and educationally for the schools. We work with the university; we work with many of the businesses in north UC. Mike Price is our area superintendent who covers both UC and La Jolla. We very strongly recommend that the community stay intact. These Doyle students have a huge diversity. I think that at last count, 30 languages are spoken at Doyle. Their families live in that area and it crosses La Jolla Village Drive, so many of them live in the University area.

If we had to deal with two council persons that would be very difficult for us. Educate Foundation works very closely with the Councilperson's office. We have representation at many of our functions. It's easier to work with that group when we know each other. Working with two council members, it would be hard to make the education gains we are making in University City. We are unique because we have a cluster of schools, we cover all five schools. We're not just with the high school. So our interest is very pointed and especially in north UC, because that's a transient community. But we reach them, and we have success by pulling in the businesses in that area. If that is split up its going to split up our constituency, it's going to split up Educate's reach and it will really affect the educational area here. If we have to deal with two people, we are going to lose support. And we won't have such the strong voice that we do. Thank you for your time. Educate Foundation strongly supports not pulling that cluster out of University City, keeping it together, keeping it University City.

Comment 40: Marilyn Dupree

I'd like to commend you for your commitment time and patience because I know we are all full of passion and it can be hard to decipher at times. I am a native San Diego, first of all. I've lived in University City for 34 years. I've been on the UCPG for the last 6 years. I have a group of friends who live in the fractured La Jolla area. they constantly thing they are in D1 and they call that council person and then are referred to D2. There's great confusion when it comes to voting and I would hate to see University City become like that. So I'm asking for your support with the Coast and Canyons which would keep us all together and intact. UCPG has all of University City now and we have many projects. Splitting it would cause great difficulty in completing the projects we've had on the board for many years. So I ask for your support in the Coast and Canyons plan. Thank you.

Comment 41: Joni Low

Good evening, my name is Joni Low and I'm the president of the Asian Business Association. Our organization is very strongly in support of representation for the Asian community, that their interest be represented. Similarly, the LGBT community has representation, the African American community has representation, as the Latino community has representation, and as the Anglo community has much representation. And I don't think that what we are asking is contrary to what it specifies in the Charter section 5.1, it says that the plan should provide fair and effective representation for all citizens of the City, including racial, ethic, and language minorities. I think those who are in their existing districts don't want any change. They've been together for at least the last ten years so I can understand that. But nevertheless, the people of the city have indicated that they want a new district, a District 9. And so with that, its your difficult job carving out which districts you are going to draw those 144,000 individuals from. Everyone wants to keep their district whole, but that's not going to happen. That's not what the people have indicated they want in the City of San Diego. So I commend you for your work and I think

that you have a very tough job but I hope that you'll realize that the Asian population is the second fastest growing ethnic population after the Hispanic in San Diego.

Comment 42: Lowell Waxman

Good evening, I hadn't intended to speak tonight, I just expected to listen to the democratic process unfold as contentious as it may be. I was very impressed by Dr. Baxamusa's presentation tonight– very comprehensive and informative. I've lived in North Park since '74. I've lived below University Avenue, between University and El Cajon. Now I live between Adams and El Cajon on Idaho. The reason I got up to speak tonight is that I saw a map which was going to use El Cajon Blvd as a border for one of the districts. I'm very concerned that this would split the North Park Planning Community. I know that where I live, I relate the to whole 30th Street corridor, from the Streetcar café on Adams down to Paris Newsstand. I've used George's Camera Store for decades. There's a whole range of economic development and restaurants up and down University. Most of all I'm concerned about respecting community planning districts; to use El Cajon Blvd. as a dividing point, doesn't jive. I'd just like you to recognize that. Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dalal adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Julie Corrales, Executive Secretary
2010 Redistricting Commission

Written Comments Received at the May 11, 2011 Redistricting Commission Public Hearing

Comment 1: Carol Giesting

District 1 needs to have neighborhoods east and west of Genesee as one district. This is important to keep the continuity of the district as it once was, but is no more.

Comment 2: Stephen Cross

UCSD, Scripps Institute, La Jolla Shores, La Jolla Village, La Jolla Mesa, and UV represent an economic, diverse community. Splitting UCSD and these communities threatens to divide our La Jolla Community. UCSD and surrounding communities anchor one another to the benefit of San Diego. Please keep them together.

Comment 3: Robert L Bartz

I support the Coast and Canyons Plan!

Comment 4: Shelly Plumb

The only sensible option for D1 is to keep north and south University City together with La Jolla. North and south University City share the same schools and many of the same problems. We share with La Jolla, UCSD and the scientific and high-tech community. Please do the right thing and keep UC together and with La Jolla. Thank you.

Comment 5: Roger Wiggans

I support the Coast and Canyons plan.